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Aid payments for RCA cases shall be based on CalWORKs regulations.

- .1 Refugees are eligible for recurring special needs allowances in accordance with CalWORKs regulations. Eligibility for nonrecurring special needs allowances exists but may be paid only for loss that has occurred subsequent to their arrival in California. Assistance for nonrecurring special needs is not to replace items of property that were left in the refugee's country of origin.
- .2 Where there is an urgent need for assistance, the CWD shall in accordance with CalWORKs regulations make such provisions as are necessary to cope with the emergency by speeding up the application process and by issuing the initial grant to the refugee on an immediate need basis where apparent eligibility and immediate need exists.
- .3 If the CWD is unable to confirm refugee status after checking the individual's documentation, which suggests eligibility, the CWD shall provide cash assistance to the individual verifying refugee status. The CWD shall follow Systematic Alien Verification Entitlements (SAVE) system procedures for any refugee who presents questionable documentation for eligibility purposes, unless the refugee him/herself chooses to secure the appropriate documentation by contacting INS directly. If the CWD is not connected to the SAVE system, a G-845 form (Verification Request - Non-Save agencies) shall be submitted by the CWD to the local INS office.
- .4 Eligibility for pregnancy special needs shall be determined in accordance with CalWORKs regulations.
- .5 Payments for unaccompanied refugee minors shall be paid at the foster care rate calculations as determined in MPP, Chapter 45-300 (AFDC-FC Payee, Payment and Delivery).
- .6 Notwithstanding other eligibility requirements, refugee children who have been legally adopted by United States citizens are not eligible for assistance under RCA.
- .7 Repealed by CDSS Manual Letter No. SP-02-01, effective 2/1/02.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; and 45 CFR 400.52; and 45 CFR 400.66.